Permission to Industrial Units for Importing Duty-Free Capital goods against Export Obligation

*53. -SHRI N. E. BALARAM: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to permit industrial units to import duty-free capital goods against export obligation;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had allowed duty-free import of capital goods in certain sectors earlier also but the same did not yield the desired results; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative what are the considerations which weighed in favour of taking a decision as mentioned in part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) As per available information with Department of Revenue, the Government has not permitted dutyfree import to capital goods against export obligation to the units located in the Domestic Tariff Area.

(d) The question does not arise.

'Lehar Pepsi' as Pepsi Brand name

*54. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the *Times of lndia* of 8th April, 1990 to the effect that Pepsi Foods are being allowed to use the name "Lehar Pepsi';

(b) if so, whether 'Lehar Pepsi' is a brand name;

(c) whether it would become an Indian brand name by usage; and

(d) whether it would be registered as a brand name owned by M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited, Chandigarh?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY **OF** FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). After considering all aspects of the matter, Government decided that the brand name to be used shall be a hybrid with 'Pepsi' as suffix. Discussions were held with representatives of M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited and thereafter it was decided that 'Lehar' could be used as prefix to the name 'Pepsi', '7 Up' and 'Mirinda'.

M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited have intimated that they have applied for the registration of 'Lehar' trade mark with the Registrar of Trade Marks.

Setting up of a National Irrigation Finance Corporation

*55. **SHRI** S. K. T. RAMACHAN-DRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) wheather Government propose to establish a National Irrigation Finance Corporation to finance execution of irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and '(b). There has been a proposal for setting up of an